

**216A.15 Duties.**

The commission shall:

1. Coordinate, assist, and cooperate with the efforts of state departments and agencies to serve the needs of Latino persons in the fields of education, employment, health, housing, welfare, and recreation.
2. Develop, coordinate, and assist other public organizations which serve Latino persons.
3. Evaluate existing programs and proposed legislation affecting Latino persons, and propose new programs.
4. Stimulate public awareness of the problems of Latino persons by conducting a program of public education and encouraging the governor and the general assembly to develop programs to deal with these problems.
5. Conduct training programs for Latino persons to enable them to assume leadership positions on the community level.
6. Conduct a survey of the Latino people in Iowa in order to ascertain their needs.
7. Work to establish a Latino information center in the state of Iowa.
8. Pursuant to [section 216A.2](#), be responsible for budgetary and personnel decisions for the commission and division.
9. Adopt rules, with stakeholder input, pursuant to [chapter 17A](#), to develop a mechanism to ensure the qualifications of Spanish language interpreters and maintain and provide a list of those deemed qualified to Iowa courts, administrative agencies, social service agencies, and health agencies, as requested.

86 Acts, ch 1245, §1209

C87, §601K.15

90 Acts, ch 1180, §9

C93, §216A.15

2004 Acts, ch 1062, §1